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Dental Carrier Name Change

ISSUE/QUESTION

I have heard that Fortis Benefits, one of the State of Arizona's dental carriers, has changed its name. Is this true? What does this mean to me as an employee?

ANSWER

Yes, Fortis Benefits has changed its name to Assurant Employee Benefits. This change will have no direct impact on employees. Employees should continue to call the same telephone number for customer service. However, such calls will now be answered with the greeting "Assurant Employee Benefits."

Assurant has communicated to the State of Arizona that:

- This name change will not change the plans, rates or services currently provided to its subscribers.
- Name changes on communication materials are not anticipated at this time. Should such a change occur, subscribers would be provided with adequate advance notice.

Debra Judd, Account Manager, remains the contact for the prepaid dental plan. If you have any questions, please contact Debra at (602) 308-0218.

Please make this notice available to your employees.

RATIONALE/EXPLANATION

On February 5, 2004, Fortis Benefits announced the IPO (Initial Public Offering) of Assurant, Inc., formerly known as Fortis, Inc. Fortis Benefits Insurance Company is a subsidiary of Assurant, Inc.

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